

## *Alumna of the Year*

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### GAYLE OCHELTREE '71



Gayle Ocheltree, MBA Class of 1971, has devoted her life to her country and community since she left MBA 40 years ago.

Gayle joined the Army following her graduation. She had the honor of being the 250<sup>th</sup> female to graduate from Army Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia. During her military years, one of her assignments was to jump from a C-130 aircraft into Nicaragua to escort international school children from the Caribbean coast to a commercial airliner to be taken out the country.

While stationed at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts with the U.S. Army Intelligence School, Gayle graduated from Fitchburg State College (MA) with a B.S. in Communications and an emphasis in television communications.

Gayle received two Congressional Recognitions for her humanitarian work in the military. She is also an Honoree for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington, D.C.. The Memorial will be the nation's first and only permanent public tribute to the more than three million living disabled American veterans and the countless hundreds of thousands who have died. Gayle will be included in the Memorial along with Senator John McCain and former Senator Robert Dole among others.

She currently volunteers at West Los Angeles and Sepulveda Veteran's Hospitals and clinics. Gayle is also a member of the Burbank Fire Department's Search and Rescue team. For the past 25 years, Gayle has worked in the television and film industry. She is a writer and has written five screenplays and five television pilots.

MBA is proud to recognize Gayle for her dedication in serving the United States of America and her faithful service to her community.